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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Naoyuki KAWANISHI, Takashi ANDO and Yoichi NAGAI  
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREPARING GRAINS OF SILVER SALT  
OF ORGANIC ACID AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THERMALLY  
PROCESSED IMAGE RECORDING MATERIAL  
Assignee: FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.  
Our Ref: Q80132

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/893,750 (Confirmation No. 3354) filed June 29, 2001 of Naoyuki KAWANISHI, Takashi ANDO and Yoichi NAGAI entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREPARING GRAINS OF SILVER SALT OF ORGANIC ACID AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THERMALLY PROCESSED IMAGE RECORDING MATERIAL, the above-noted application incorporated herein by reference.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is 141 pages of the specification, including the claims and abstract, twelve (12) sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-12), and a Preliminary Amendment. Also enclosed is a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application, a copy of the Assignment, and an Information Disclosure Statement along with PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) (substitute for PTO Form 1449) listing references cited by the Applicant and/or the Examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1752.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000-195621	June 29, 2000
Japan	2000-213813	July 14, 2000
Japan	2000-236044	August 3, 2000
Japan	2000-237897	August 7, 2000

Receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents was acknowledged in parent Application No. 09/893,750.



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Divisional Application of U.S. Application No. 09/893,750

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The Government filing fee, after entry of the Preliminary Amendment, is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>20</u>	-	20	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>3</u>	-	3	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
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**\$770.00**

A check for the statutory fee of \$1,114.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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